

MINUTES - TRI-TOWNSHIP PARK DISTRICT

The regular monthly meeting of the Tri-Township Park District Board of Commissioners was convened at the office meeting room at 7:00 P.M. on 10/9/96 with president Terry Taake presiding. Commissioners answering present to the roll call in addition to the president were Byrne, Jarman and Wiesemeyer. Director Greenfield was also present.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Communications were read. Park representation has been requested at a City Meeting tomorrow night to discuss the future of the TIF program, which has been currently cancelled. Commissioner Wiesemeyer was appointed.

The Treasurer's Report and the bills were reviewed. An explanatory discussion of the Computer printout of the Treasurer's Report followed. Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report and pay the bills in the amount \$10,089.10 was seconded and carried. Motion was seconded and carried to permit the Treasurer to pay the monthly Health Insurance Premium for Craig Harris when received to avoid late payment fees.

Stan Mertz appeared before the Board to request a waiver on the ruling that reservations for rental of park facilities for future years cannot be accepted until the first of that year. Motion was seconded and carried to permit Mr. Mertz to reserve the Community Center at this time for 3/1/97.

Committee Reports were requested.

The proposed 1996-1997 Tax Levy Ordinance was presented. The Director cautioned that the County Board is now acting on the implementation of a tax cap which means that tax supported entities would be confined to a 5% or cost of living increase, whichever is less, in future years. This may be the last year which a more than 5% increase would be possible. Motion was seconded to accept the proposed 1996-1997 Tax Levy Ordinance with an across the Board increase of 8%. All Commissioners answered affirmatively to a roll call vote. Commissioner Taake will advise the news media that the hearing date will be 11/10/96, the next monthly meeting night.

Motion was seconded and carried to authorize Commissioner Jarman to engage Myron Thompson for future audit of the park records.

Commissioner Jarman will attend the next War Memorial meeting which will be tomorrow night. Pursuant to a discussion of the War Memorial sight, motion was seconded and carried to

purchase culvert materials for the Memorial Site and under the road in front of the Memorial. The 24" culvert needed for under the road will cost approximately \$1,200. from Woody's Municipal Supply. Fill dirt has been offered at no cost and the Township and City have agreed to provide equipment for the work. The culvert under the road will be the expense of the District. The remainder of expenses for the Memorial will be tracked for payment from other sources. The War Memorial Committee is planning a fund raiser and it is expected that various businesses, individuals, and organizations will contribute to the project. The Government has made available for the Memorial two motorized Howitzer units instead of pull behind Howitzers as requested - the cost to the Memorial \$2,600. for administrative costs and demilitarization. Various methods of transportation from Pennsylvania are under discussion.

Discussion followed on the rental fees for park facilities. The Grounds Committee will meet and propose adjusted fees for the facilities at the next meeting.

The Ordinance for traffic control signs is being prepared by Atty. Cain. Stop signs have been installed and 15 MPH speed limit signs have been ordered. Enforcement of the sign limits cannot be imposed until the Ordinance has been recorded. Commissioner Jarman noted that the height of the Stop signs are lower than standard and questioned the legality of this.

It is expected that the grass carp will be dropped in the lake on October 12th.

Muskrats are undermining the lake banks near the Community Center. The Grounds Committee will contact the City employee who previously trapped for the park to control the problem.

The President suggested that band concerts or the like should be scheduled for the patio area behind the office. The Scott AFB Military Band schedules daily concerts for which applications are available. The president asked that application be made for an engagement of the Scott AFB Band or perhaps a school band be engaged.

The Athletic Committee reported that dimensions for diagrams for fencing on ball diamonds have been taken from like arrangements visited in other areas. Commissioner Taake cautioned that the Phillips pipeline runs across the big diamond and should be considered when planning fencing placement. The Director will get estimates from fence companies. The following weekend will be the last for the Baseball season. New dirt will be hauled in and leveled on the diamonds after the season.

The Director reported that:

1. The lake fountain/aerator was installed but failed to work. The provider will pick it up and send out a different one.
2. Additional lighting on the trail has been completed.
3. The office is being painted.

Commissioner Byrne stated that he will be roofing the office next week.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:56 PM.

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